



LEXINGTON

Homelessness Prevention & Intervention

Emergency Winter Weather Plan 2019-2020

This Emergency Winter Weather Plan provides a coordinated response for times when extreme cold weather create additional, immediate need for expanded capacity to assist people experiencing homelessness in Lexington. Extreme temperatures often force people to seek shelter who may not otherwise seek assistance. In some cases, people struggling with mental illness may not seek shelter and require additional intervention for their own safety. This plan ensures Lexington is prepared for these situations.

The Emergency Winter Weather Plan will be activated when measures of extreme temperatures are reached or when other severe weather conditions take place. Extreme temperature will be defined as:

- Any day/night when the temperature low is expected to fall below 32 degrees

The wind chill will be not taken into account in the determining temperature. Decisions about severe weather that takes place on days outside of extreme temperature situations will be made by the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention in consultation with the appropriate authorities.

Any time the plan has been activated, the Office of Homelessness will notify local media, provide updates on social media, and notify all organizations that work with people experiencing homelessness.

It's important to note that, unless otherwise stated, shelters and services are always available to people in Lexington who experience homelessness. The Emergency Winter Weather Plan activates some changes such as transportation or extended hours but Lexington is fortunate to have a strong network of shelters and service providers that is able to meet most needs even during weather emergencies.

See the table at the end of this document for a full comparison of services available.

Donations for Extreme Weather

Public donations can be dropped off at any participating agency. In general, agencies will be in need of the following items, but please always call and verify the need with the agency prior to drop-off.

Winter:

- Blankets
- Hats
- Winter Boots/Shoes
- Winter Coats, especially size L, XL, and XXL
- Gloves
- Socks
- Scarves
- Hot Hands
- Toiletries

Emergency Night Shelters

Emergency night shelters welcome all eligible people during emergency winter weather including former residents under suspension for behavioral or programmatic reasons.

Exceptions may include individuals suspended for violence and decisions will be made case by case. The OHPI will collaborate with providers and other resources to ensure emergency shelter is available for anyone in need. Stakeholders may contact the OHPI 24/7/365 for planning and arrangements.

Emergency Day Centers

Emergency day centers welcome all eligible people during emergency winter weather including former residents under suspension for behavioral or programmatic reasons.

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	Consistent 365 Services	Additional Emergency Winter Weather Plan Services
Night Shelters	<p>Women and Women with Children: <i>Salvation Army</i></p> <p>Men: <i>Hope Center</i></p> <p>Men and Women: <i>Catholic Action Center</i></p> <p>Children Ages Birth through 17 years: <i>Arbor Youth Services</i></p>	<p>24-hour emergency shelters welcome all eligible people during emergency weather including former residents under suspension for disciplinary or programmatic reasons.</p> <p>Exceptions may include individuals suspended for violence and decisions will be made case by case but providers and OHPI will collaborate to ensure emergency shelter is available for anyone in need.</p>
Day Centers	<p>Adults 18 years and over <i>New Life Day Center</i> <u>Operating Hours:</u> Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.; Saturday 8:30 am to 11:30 am Employment information, clothing, medical care, Social Security, storage lockers</p> <p><i>Catholic Action Center</i> 1055 Industry Road 859-255-0301 <u>Operating Hours:</u> 8:00 am to 10:00 pm Basic Needs, lockers, storage</p> <p>Youth 18 to 24 years and their children <i>Arbor Youth Services Outreach Center</i> <u>Operating Hours:</u> 540 West Third Street 859-254-2501 Offers a day shelter for youth ages 18-24 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm – Monday through Friday. (extended hours as needed) Case management, food, laundry, showers, basic needs</p> <p>Arbor Youth Services Emergency Shelter Ages Birth through 17 536 West Third Street 859-254-2501 Offers a day shelter for those 17 years of age and under, 24/7/365.</p>	<p>Salvation Army 736 West Main Street 859-252-7706 Offers a day shelter from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm for single women and women with children without the requirement of residency.</p> <p>Hope Center 360 West Loudon Avenue 859-252-7881 Offers a day shelter from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm for single males without requirement of residency.</p> <p>Lexington Rescue Mission 444 Glen Arvin Avenue 859-381-9600 Offers a day shelter from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.</p>
Street Outreach	<p><i>HopeMobile</i> – transportation to emergency shelter; provides blankets, food, water and other materials. Operates Monday through Friday during the day. 859-252-7881</p>	<p><i>Compassionate Caravan</i> – transportation to emergency shelter; provides blankets, food, water and other materials. Operates as needed for cold extreme weather including night hours and weekends. 859-255-0301 – main office number 859-913-0038 – leave a message</p>

	<p><u>Street Outreach</u> – transportation to emergency shelter; provides blankets, food, water and other materials. 8:30 am – 5:00 pm (Monday-Friday) 859-233-4600 – main office number</p>	<p><u>Street Outreach</u> – Operates including night hours and weekends. 859-533-1926 – leave a message after 5:00 pm</p>
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>None</p>	<p><u>Lextran</u> - People in need of a ride to a shelter/day center may board Lextran buses at no charge. Any bus will take the individual to the nearest stop to the shelter or will transfer to a bus with a closer stop. Passengers that do not get off the bus at the closest stop will be asked to get off or pay \$1.00.</p> <p>*Only certified service animals may be transported. Animal must be leashed or crated.</p>